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## FORM PTO-1082

### TRANSMITTAL FOR NEW U.S. PATENT APPLICATION

Commissioner for Patents  
 P.O. Box 1450  
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Re: New U.S. Patent Application  
 For: METHOD AND DEVICE FOR DETECTING A DEFECT AND  
 PROTECTING A STORAGE MEDIA READING SYSTEM  
 Inventor(s): LAI et al.  
 Attorney Docket: 82556

Sir:

Attached hereto is the application identified above, including:

31 Pages Application Consisting of:  
18 Pages of Textual Specification  
6 Pages of 14 Claims  
1 Abstract of the Disclosure  
6 Sheets of drawings.

Un-Executed Inventor's Declaration

The Government filing fee\* is calculated as follows:

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| Total Claims . . . . .                            | <u>14</u> | -.20 = <u>0</u>       | .x. \$18.00 = <u>\$ 0.00</u> |
| Independent Claims . . . . .                      | <u>2</u>  | - <u>3</u> = <u>0</u> | x \$86.00 = <u>\$ 0.00</u>   |
| Base Fee . . . . .                                |           |                       | <u>\$770.00</u>              |
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A Declaration Claiming Small Entity Status:

Foreign priority is claimed under 35 U.S.C. § 119 from \_\_\_\_\_  
Patent Application(s) No. \_\_\_\_\_ dated \_\_\_\_\_.

Priority document(s) will be submitted at a later date.

A copy of the Priority document(s) is/are submitted herewith.

Executed Declaration(s) will be submitted at a later date pursuant to 37 CFR § 1.41 and § 1.53, with an appropriate surcharge under 37 CFR § 1.16(e).

Formal drawing(s) is/are attached.

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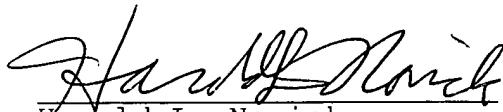
Submitted herewith for filing in the U.S. Patent and Trademark  
Office is the following:

- (1) Transmittal Letter;
- (2) Transmittal For New Non-Provisional U.S. Patent Application  
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  - 31 Pages Application Consisting of:
    - 18 Pages of Textual Specification
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    - 1 Abstract of the Disclosure
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- (3) Un-Executed Inventor's Declaration;
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